

Priory School News



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Headteacher's Message



Firstly, may I welcome you all back. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school. It has been a little stressful with the ceiling issues and then our SIMs database didn't update or sync with our communication aids which meant that some people got the wrong information and others didn't get it at all.

However, we have got there in the end, and we have had a lovely, albeit very wet week.

Please can I remind everyone to complete the online consent form. I will download the information on Monday, so I need your permissions for all pupils by then. You can access the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/c6yD9MC5iY>

Please note that the staggered starts have been replaced by a soft start, so you have between 8:30 and 08:45 to bring your children into school. The school doors and the gates will be closed on time to ensure consistency and encourage punctuality.

I know the parking situation is stressful and we do everything we can to ease the congestion. I yet again make a plea to everyone to not park on the road. It makes the road dangerous to other users but especially for the staff guiding traffic on the road. They must step into the road to see around parked cars making them very vulnerable.

In addition, pulling up or parking on the pavement blocks cars from moving fluidly and causes more back log and congestion. I have also seen parents with pushchairs and buggies having to move onto the road to get past the cars.

There is no good enough reason to park on the pavement and whilst you continue to do so, please expect to be challenged by my staff.

Please also ensure you park considerately in the Visitor Car Park and ensure that you are not parked in a manner which causes a risk to

pedestrians or prevents the flow of traffic going through.

As I write this, I am listening to the new Prime Minister paying tribute to the Queen. It is such sad news that our Queen has died. She really has been such a prominent and dignified sovereign who has made such an impact to our country. She has selflessly and tirelessly worked right up to the end; very much living her strap line 'duty before self'. May she rest in peace.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Foster
Head Teacher



Important Dates

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website. Leaflets this week:

SEND-AID
Rugby at Driters

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Immunisations

The NHS School Immunisation Service will be visiting the school on 20th September 2022 offer Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Reception classes to Year 6. We shall be sending out more information next week.

Music News



KS2 Instrumental Lessons

Thank you to those who have booked small group and individual musical instrument lessons via ParentPay. Parents will receive a text to confirm which day your child's lesson will be on (beginning next week), and class teachers will receive timetables so they can let children know when to attend. Please forward any queries to Mrs Shaw.

Come and Sing!

You are warmly invited to join this term's "Priory Community Choir". Priory parents, staff members, governors, ex-pupils and KS2-aged children of participating adults are all most welcome to come and take part in this friendly group. There are no auditions and no previous experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!

Rehearsals are held weekly in the hall extension, from 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm on Friday afternoons, beginning next Friday 16th September.

Come and join us for an uplifting end to your week!



Important Reminders

Lost Property

Can we please remind you to name everything your child brings to school, please do not just put your child's initials:

- Uniform
- P.E. Kit
- Footwear
- Coats, Hats, Gloves
- Lunch Boxes
- Water Bottles
- Glasses/ Cases (if possible)

We have an incredible amount of unclaimed lost property. If you name items we have a good chance of getting them back to their owner. Please do not just put initials.



Nut Free School

Please can we remind parents/carers that we are a nut free school and any products containing nuts, or nut products are not permitted, as we have both children and staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hair Accessories

Please remember that hair bands, bows, ribbons and scrunchies should be either Green or Black, bows should be **small** and appropriate with our uniform.

Jewellery and Watches

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school. The only items allowed are stud earrings for pierced ears and items of religious significance. This is particularly important for PE. Unless you provide tape to cover your child's earrings they will be asked to remove them.

Watches can only be worn by children in KS2.

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School Lunch Payments

For KS2/Nursery children, money must be added to the lunch account in advance.

If monies are not added in advance, we reserve the right to withdraw this service.



As a reminder, if your child is in KS1, we ask that you order your meals using ParentPay. This can be done right up to the Christmas holidays.

If you require your ParentPay account activating, please come into the school office or email office@prioryschool.com and we will send out an activation letter and instructions to you.

If you have a ParentPay login and are having issues either topping up your account or ordering meals from home, please contact the school office on office@prioryschool.com

Site Reminders



No Smoking Site

We would like to remind everyone that smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted anywhere at Priory School – this includes the playgrounds and car parks.

Adventure Playground /Outside Gym

Can we remind parents/carers that the Adventure Playground is only for supervised use during school hours? Please ensure that your children do not use the equipment during drop-off time in the mornings or pick-up time after school.

Nursery and Reception Outdoor Areas

Please can parents not allow their children to play on or with the equipment before and after school. Our insurance does not cover us for use out of school hours. Also our staff spend time cleaning and preparing the areas for the children, often these preparations are disrupted when children use the areas out of school hours.



Bikes & Scooters on Site



Please ensure children are provided with locks when leaving cycles and scooters in the cycle shelters.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents that **cycles and scooters should not be ridden anywhere on school grounds for health & safety reasons.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

All this information is included in the School Handbook



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends
or please follow our Priory School Friends Facebook page link via the School website.



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We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

If you would like to get involved with fundraising and how to use the funds raised for school please get in touch via prioryfriends@prioryschool.com



Important Request

If you're child took a pair of ear defenders home with them last year, please could they be returned.



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for Field

<https://youtu.be/of05FV8yqP4>